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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****IN RE UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION OF:**

APPLICANTS : **Tucker et al.**  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement reciting a December 1, 2004 mailing date.

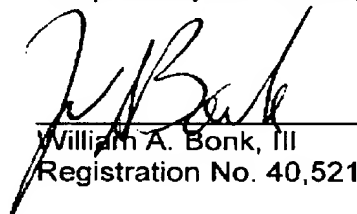
**ELECTION**

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10, 12, 21-23, 43-45 and 48-53.

Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction of claim 57, and that claim 57 be grouped with the claims recited above for Group I. The attached International Preliminary Examination Report regarding the related PCT application supports such grouping.

This paper was not filed within the shortened statutorily-prescribed time limit, thus is accompanied by a petition for the appropriate time extension and required fee. If filing this paper or any accompanying papers necessitates additional fees not otherwise provided for, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to deduct such additional fees from Deposit Account No. 19-2110.

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